

Oaks Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Oaks Notes



Acorns on the Ground

Living In God's Love

February is the month that we emphasize love. Especially romantic love. We give each other cards called Valentines that express our love to one another.

But did you know that God is the one who began all of this love business? God is the one who first loved us and God is love is real and genuine for God Is love. John 3:16 states very plainly the truth about God's love and the object of that love.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

God's love expressed unto us in Jesus Christ is a very powerful love, more powerful than anything else in this world. Paul wrote in the Epistle to the Ro-

mans in the 8th chapter verses 35 and 37 - "Who will separate us from the love of Christ?...No in all things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

We are also to be living Valentines to one another. By this I mean we are to truly love one another. "To love our neighbor as we love ourselves." We should show the love of Christ to all people.

May our hearts be so filled with love that we will be living Valentines, shedding God is love abroad in our work, not just on Valentines Day in February, but each day of the year.

Love to all,
Reverend Randy Burke



Oaks Christian Church is a family church that loves to share God's word, God's Love, and God's fellowship with the world. We are a church in the near inner loop that strives to be a helpful part of the community. We are about Deep Christian spirituality, a true community and a passion for Justice. We celebrate communion every Sunday service and all who believe are welcome to receive.

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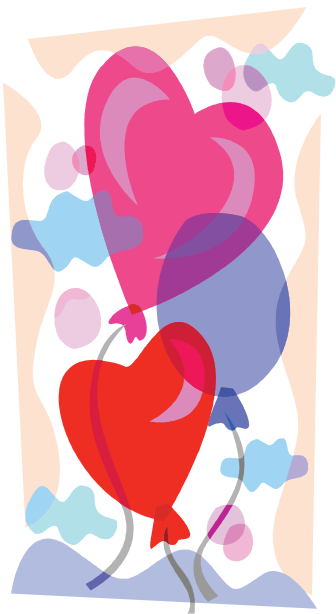
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OAKS CHRISTIAN CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2009



February Birthdays

Michelle Crye	7
Gloria Slocum	10
Randy Burke	12
Louis Luna	19
George Hajovsky	22
Pat Whitley	22
Richard Lineberger	23
Joshua Staley	26
Emily Simons	28
Christen Scantlin	29



If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let the Church Office know.

And February Anniversaries

Bill and Barb Scantlin	5
Charles and Gloria Slocum	24



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Bread Sunday	2	3 CWF - Service Valentine Cards for Love Meals	4 Choir Rehearsal	5 Newsletter Rev. Randy Burke's Bible Study	6	7
8 Board Meeting Scrap booking - Crafting	9	10 Love Meals/ Valentines 10:00 a.m.	11 Choir Rehearsal	12 Rev. Randy Burke's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	13	14 Valentine's Day
15 Reverend Kim Johnson Preaching	16	17 Visitation -Meet at church 11:00 for lunch. Visita- tion at 1:00 p.m.	18 Choir Rehearsal.	19 Rev. Randy Burke's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	20	21
22 CMF - Lunch for Church Scrap booking - Crafting	23	24 CWF/CMF General Meeting.	25 Choir Rehearsal. Ash Wed. Svc 6:30 p.m.	26 Rev. Randy Burke's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	27	28

If you have something for the calendar, please let the Church Office know.

Sunday School and Worship services

Sunday School and morning worship will take place as usual every Sunday in February. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday morning worship at 10:45 a.m.

Church Office - The Church Office is open Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you have a pastoral emergency call the pastor's cell number.



Pastor Randy Burke's Phone #'s
832.729.1598 - Cell
713.983.0717 - Home



A Note from Verna Lamb

"Scrap booking/Craft Day" in Kirchner Hall February 8 and February 22, 2009.

CMF - will host a lunch for the church on February 22 after service. Please make plans to attend for some Bean soup cornbread and fellowship.



COMING SOON
SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

5:00 p.m.

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR START DATE
AND
INFORMATION REGARDING SERVICE



Stand up, Stand up
For Jesus!

Announcements, Church Attendance, Treasurer's Report and Thank You Note

Worship Chair - Sally Johnson

LENTEN AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES

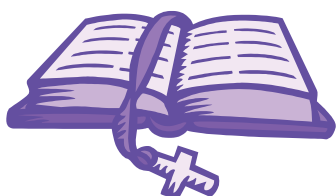
MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PARTICIPATE

1. Ash Wednesday Service 6:30 p.m. (Feb 25) 
2. Weekly Lenten Acknowledgement (Candle Snuffing)
opportunity to participate by reading meditation during services, see Sally Johnson
3. Prayer Vigil 24 hour—opportunity to pray at church in 30 minute cycles, beginning at 8:00 p.m. on Maundy Thursday and ending at 8:00 p.m. on Good Friday.
See signup sheet here for both prayer time and Angels.
4. Palm Sunday (April 5) 
5. Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m. (April 9) 
6. Good Friday 7:00 p.m. (April 10) 
7. Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m. (April 12) 
8. Easter Sunday Service (April 12) 

The choir will present special music at each service during Holy Week, don't miss their beautiful offering to God and us.

Reverend Randy Burke's Bible Study

The ongoing Bible study started January 15, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. The study consists of videos by Ray Vander Laan and discussion of the material presented. Study books are \$8.00. Please let Pastor Randy know if you would like to purchase one.



Wonderful news...Kris Wettstein, Oak's organist/pianist, will be in recital at Rice University, Monday, March 16, 2009. The bus will not be available, however, we will be car-pooling. So lets all make plans to attend this special occasion for Kris.



Pat H Foley will offer a free Seminar called Planning Ahead for All The Right Reasons. An educational and informational look at planning for ones own funeral in advance. Tuesday, February 17, 2009, 7:00 p.m., in Kirchner Hall. Refreshments will be provided.

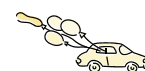
December Church Attendance

Attendance for the Month of December 2008	Sunday School	Church Attendance
December 7	26	64
December 14	25	78
December 21	26	80
December 28	16	44
TOTALS	93	266

From the Treasurer - Bill Scantlin

Operating Account	October	November	December
Deposits	\$9,988.18	\$8,104.60	\$15,285.68
Disbursements	(\$11,414.22)	(\$12,981.80)	(\$12,495.44)
Difference	(\$1,426.04)	(\$4,877.20)	\$2,790.24

Thanks! Thanks! Thanks!



Thanks to all for your prayers and concerns for me during this past month without a car. God is so good. He provided me transportation to and from the church, to the grocery store and to the car dealership. Special thanks to all the members of the Service Committee, Linda Dalmasso, Ruth Conover, and Pastor Randy. Thanks for blessing me in a God kind of caring way and for being a truly wonderful church family. Sonja Davis

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Bound Together in Love



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
FOR MANNA'S
THRIFT SHOP**

**For more information
Contact
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Please note: Web site
is down.**

Board Happenings - *Albert Green, Board Chair*

Friendly Reminder: There will be a Board meeting immediately following Church services on Sunday February 8, 2009. Thank you.
